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15th International Agriculture, Forestry and People Photography Exhibition Opens At Gallery Deniz

An exhibition including more than 100 works—including award-winning pieces and those selected for display—from the 15th International Agriculture, Forestry, and People Photography Contest, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry with DenizBank as the main supporter, opened for art lovers on Friday, 26 June, 2026, at Galeri Deniz, DenizBank's arts and culture venue.

In order to increase social awareness about the importance of agriculture, forestry, land and water, over **2 thousand participants** with over **6 thousand works** participated in the contest organized with the "Century of Abundance" theme.

While 13 works were deemed worthy of awards across six different categories—"General," "Farmer," "Student," "Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Employees," "DenizBank Employees," and "Century of Abundance"—one work received the Minister's Special Award from İbrahim Yumaklı, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

The exhibition's opening was held with the participation of **Dr. Bülent Kahraman Çolakoğlu, Head of the Department of Education and Publications at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and Recep Baştuğ, CEO of DenizBank.**

This special selection, reflecting the spirit of agriculture and production, is on display at Galeri Deniz and can be visited until **Thursday, 16 July.**

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Dr. Bülent Kahraman Çolakoğlu, Head of the Department of Education and Publications at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, stated: "The impact of the Agriculture, Forestry, and People Photography Contest, which has grown steadily and become a tradition since 2009, is increasing exponentially. Through this visual feast, organized with the sponsorship of DenizBank since day one, our aim is to draw the attention of all segments of society, especially young people, —to the Ministry's areas of activity and to increase public interest in this subject. Today, the continuity of agricultural production is essential to ensuring food security. Through this contest, we also aim to encourage young producers to pursue careers in agriculture."

"We believe in the importance of Turkish agriculture for our future"

In his speech, **DenizBank CEO Recep Baştuğ said,** "As DenizBank, we have stood by Turkish agriculture for nearly 25 years. The leading position we hold today among private banks is the result of our belief in our farmers, in production, and in the strategic importance agriculture holds for our country's future. We do not view agriculture merely as a sector to which we provide financing; we approach it through the perspectives of technology, efficiency, water management, and sustainable production. The Agriculture, Forest, and People Photography Contest constitutes a significant part of this approach. We are delighted to be a partner in this valuable initiative, which plays a key role in conveying the labor involved in agriculture, the value of production, and human stories."

Nearly 14,000 artists have participated in the contest over 16 years

Since 2009, the Agriculture, Forest, and People Photography Contest has received over 50,000 submissions and seen the participation of nearly 14,000 artists; 259 works have received awards, while 1,945 were selected for exhibition. The theme for the 16th edition of the contest, due in 2026, has been determined as "Women's Labor, the Future of Agriculture."